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National Zoological Park, Delhi
Khadse Smt. Raksha Nikhil

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken strict action for the negligence of the senior staff at the National Zoological Park, Delhi for the mismatch of the number of livestock as per the records;
(b) if so, the details of thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to check the doubtful & mismatch recording of the Rhinoceros horn which are very costly in the open market;
(d) whether the Government has taken steps to reorganize the set up to save the wildlife ; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) No Madam, There is no livestock in the National Zoological Park, Delhi as per Section 2, clause (18A) of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972; 'Livestock' means farm animals and includes buffaloes, bulls, bullocks, camels, cows, donkeys, goats, sheep, horses, mules, yaks pigs, ducks, geese poultry and their young but does not include any animal specified in Schedules I to V. As per the records, there is no mismatch of animals in the zoo.

(b) Does not arise in the light of above.

(c) There are two Rhinoceros in the zoo and their horns are intact. There is no doubtful & mismatch recording of the Rhino horn in National Zoological Park, Delhi.
(d)&(e) Establishment and operation of zoo is one of the steps in efforts to save the wildlife. Central Zoo Authority is the agency established for regulating the functioning of zoos in the country. National Zoological Park, New Delhi is established for this purpose. For protection of wildlife, protected areas (National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve) have been established throughout the country. Funds are provided under various centrally sponsored schemes for protection of wildlife and its habitat. Also funds are provided for ex-situ and in-situ conservation of wildlife.

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